incentives to the Industry in the form of tax exemptions, for the creation of sports infrastructure and for other sports activities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Suggestions have been received for allowing deduction for advertisement expenses incurred for sports promotion and to treat contributions to sports promotion on par with contributions for research in social sciences and statistical research. Moreover, extension of the scope of section 35AC, under which contributions for eligible projects or schemes for the social and economic welfare of or the uplift of the public or direct expenditure by companies on such projects or schemes are entitled to deduction, has been sought for sports activities.

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2280. **श्री चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या वित्त मंत्री गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में जिले-वार कृषि के लिए दिए गए सांस्थानिक ऋण संबंधी ब्यौरे बताने की कृपा करेंगे ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : आंकड़ा सूचना प्रणाली से प्रश्न में पूछे गए ढंग से सूचना प्राप्त नहीं होती है। तथापि, सितम्बर, 1989, मार्च 1990 और मार्च 1991 (अद्यतन उपलब्ध) के अन्त की स्थिति के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में सभी अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा कृषि क्षेत्र को दिए गए अग्रिमों की बकाया राशि निम्नलिखित थी :—

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Hardship faced by Fishing Vessels in Goa

2281. **SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES** : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of acute hardship faced by small fishing vessels in Goa, as they are compelled to obtain N.O.C. permits from customs for two to three weeks;

(b) if so, whether this practice is in force through-out the country; and

(c) if so, when these directives were issued and what steps Government propose to take to avoid the inconvenience to the trade ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) No instance of acute hardship faced by small fishing vessels in Goa, in obtaining N.O.C. permit from Customs has been reported. However, most of the difficulties/inconveniences faced were resolved by the Customs Collectorate, Goa in a recent meeting held on 16-11-92 with Boat Owners Association/various Cooperative Societies. The Customs are, at present, issuing fishing Passes to different categories of fishing vessels, the validity of which is as under :—

(i) For non-mechanised fishing vessels—21 Days

(ii) For mechanised fishing vessels—15 Days

(iii) For fishing trawlers (both small and large)—35 Days

This practice is in force throughout the country.

(c) The instructions for fixing the above periodicity for renewal of fishing passes were issued on 1-1-79 with a view to rationalising the periodicity for the renewal of fishing passes. To further simplify the procedure at Goa for convenience of trade, the Collecctorate has accepted the following suggestions made by the Boat Owners Association/Cooperative Societies in a recent meeting on 16-11-92 :—

(i) there would be no compulsion for supply of photographs of crew members except that of a tindel;

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(ii) there would be no inspection of vessels by customs officers at customs jetty before issue/renewal of fishing passes; and

(iii) the passes would be issued at the place provided by the Association of Panaji at the jetty at Panaji.

Irregularities in assessment orders of Indian Express (Bombay) Private Limited

2282. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Free Press Journal of 13th and 14th October, 1992 wherein the Income Tax Authorities have pointed out serious discrepancies and irregularities in the Assessment Orders for the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90, relating to Indian Express (Bombay) Private Limited ;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the said statement and found the same to be correct;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken against the company in question; and

(d) if no, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Yes, sir. The Government is aware of the subject report which is entirely based on the findings of the income-tax authorities themselves in the relevant assessment orders;

(b) Does not arise, as the subject report itself is based on the enquiries already conducted by the income-tax authorities themselves;

(c) Does not arise, as the subject report is based only on the action already taken by the income-tax authorities in the form of making additions to the returned income, and the assessments are subject matter of appeal; and

(d) Does not arise.

Loans taken by Express Ground

2283. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Express Group had taken huge loans from the Public Sector banks and Financial Institutions;

(b) whether Government are aware that the money in question is not safe because of the internal feuds and mismanagement of the group; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to safeguard the money of the banks and financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) In accordance with the provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions and also the provisions of the public Financial Institutions (Obligations as to fidelity and secrecy) Act, 1983 and practices and usages customary amongst bankers, banks and financial institutions cannot divulge information relating to their individual constituents. However, the State Bank of India, who have financed this group, have reported that in view of the family dispute, it is keeping the accounts of the companies under close monitoring.

उत्तर प्रदेश में नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी के मामले

2284. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी के कितने मामले प्रति वर्ष पकड़े गये और उनमें पकड़े गये नशीले पदार्थों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस संबंध में कितने मामले तैयार किये गये; और

(ग) पकड़े गये नशीले पदार्थों के निपटान के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?